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SOUTHERN, NORTHERN, & JOINT SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 (8:00 a.m.)

Glacier Bay Room, Aspen Suites Hotel

8400 Airport Boulevard

Juneau, Alaska 99801

Juneau. . .The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announces the Joint, Northern, and Southern Southeast Regional Planning Teams spring 2014 meeting will be held at the above time and place. The Regional Planning Teams (RPT) consist of representatives of salmon fishing gear groups and ADF&G personnel. RPTs were established by the Commissioner of ADF&G for the purpose of development and amendment of comprehensive salmon plans; making recommendations concerning private non-profit hatchery permits and permit alteration requests (PARs); and making recommendations concerning the allocation of enhanced salmon throughout Southeast Alaska. This meeting is open to the public.

The Southern RPT will review four PARs: 1) Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) PAR to increase the permitted capacity of Whitman Lake Hatchery by 600,000 king salmon eggs and add Ketchikan Creek as a remote release site. This PAR is in response to the closing of Deer Mountain Tribal Hatchery (DMTH), with a 100,000 king salmon smolt release at Ketchikan Creek to replace DMTH production and additional production going to Neets Bay. 2) SSRAA PAR to add Anita Bay as a coho salmon remote release site to the Burnett Inlet Hatchery permit. This PAR does not increase production. 3) Prince of Wales Hatchery Association (POWHA) PAR to add 20 million chum salmon eggs of new production to the Port Saint Nicholas Hatchery permit and add Port Asumcion as a remote site. 4) POWHA PAR to add Port Asumcion as a new release site for two million coho salmon smolt to the Klawock River Hatchery permit. This PAR does not increase production.

The Northern RPT will review four PARs: 1) Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA) PAR to increase conditional capacity at Hidden Falls Hatchery from 45 million to 55 million chum salmon eggs for Gunnuk Creek Hatchery. This PAR does not increase production. 2) NSRAA PAR to add Crawfish Inlet as a remote release site for up 600,000 king salmon smolt of existing production to the Medvejie Creek Hatchery permit. 3) NSRAA PAR to add 50 million chum salmon eggs of new production to the Sawmill Creek Hatchery permit and add a new remote release site at Crawfish Inlet. 4) Armstrong-Keta, Inc. PAR to increase the permitted capacity of pink salmon from 85 million to 135 million eggs and add Port Herbert as a remote release site for 85 million fry. This PAR increases production by 50 million pink salmon eggs.

The Joint RPT will review the latest allocation of enhanced salmon data and draft a report to the Commissioner of ADF&G. The Joint RPT may also discuss additional hatchery related topics.

Should you have special needs in order to participate in this meeting, copies of the agenda or additional information, please contact Mr. Pryor (Garold.Pryor@alaska.gov). PDF copies of PARs can be found at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional>

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